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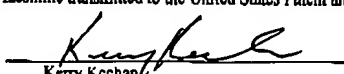
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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the application of:

Hirokazu SUGIHARA et al.

Serial No.: 08/913,811

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For: METHOD FOR MEASURING  
PHYSICOCHEMICAL PROPERTIES OF  
TISSUES OR CELLS, METHOD FOR  
EXAMINING CHEMICALS, AND  
APPARATUS THEREFOR

Examiner: P. Baskar

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## AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This Amendment is both in response to the final Office Action dated December 1, 2000 (paper No. 19) and is a follow-up to the personal interview held with Examiner Baskar on February 22, 2001. In that Office Action, claims 12-16 were rejected on the basis of judicial double patenting. Claims 1-11 remain withdrawn from consideration as drawn to a non-elected invention. Reexamination and allowance are requested.

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